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<p align="center">Office Action Summary</p>	Application No. 09/888,355	Applicant(s) DONELAN ET AL.	
	Examiner Thomas H. Stevens	Art Unit 2123	

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 15 January 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 15 January 2001 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-7 were reviewed.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

2. The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

3. Claims 1-7 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention. The appendices (i.e. H and I) are missing from the specification (Note: the examiner has found appendix G from the provisional application 60/213,463).
4. Claims 6 and 7 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The claims contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventors, at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention. Examiner was unable to find "goal information" and "superportfolio", respectively, within the specification.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

5. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(a) the invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for a patent.

6. Claims 1-7 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by Integrated Development Enterprises' "Idprocess User Guide Release 2.1" (2/23/00). The Idprocess teaches a management structure tool.

Claim 1. A computer program product embodied on a computer-readable medium and comprising code that, when executed, causes the computer to perform the following: a configuration structured system for the analysis (pg. 4, Idprjectview) and management of new real-time, enterprise-wide planning, integration, product development (pg.6: profile types on a basis at the initiation of said computer code, said system comprising: a portfolio planning and management component; a project planning and management component (pg. 5, Idresources); a resource planning and management component; and a process planning and management component (pg. 5, Overview); a modification of one of said components by an operator command (pg. 5, Overview); and an automatic

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reconfiguration of each of said other components to conform with said modified one of said components (pg. 5, Overview).

Claim 2. A method for assigning resource capacity to projects, said method comprising: directing a list of requests for resources issued by a project team to at least one appropriate resource group manager based upon resource configuration (pg. 5, Idresources); requests by said at least one resource group manager to make a determination as to the capacity for assigning the requested resources assigning capacity to said project based on determination made by said at least one resource to said project (pg. 5, Idpipeline); and assigning capacity to said project based on said determination made by said at least one resource manager (pg. 5, Idpipeline).

Claim 3. A method for assigning resources capacity to projects, said method comprising (pg. 5, Idpipeline): directing a list of requests for resources issued by a project team to at least one appropriate resource group manager based upon resource configuration (pg. 5, Idresources); analysis of said list of requests by said at least one resource group manager to make a determination as to the capacity for assigning the requested resources to said project (pg. 5, Idresources); directing said determination made by said at least one resource group manager for approval, disapproval portfolio or modification (pg. 5, Idresources); and assigning capacity to said project based on said approval, disapproval or modification made by said portfolio manager (pg. 5, Idresources and Overview).

Claim 4. A method for assigning resource capacity to projects, said method comprising: directing a list of requests for resources issued by a project team to at least one appropriate resource group manager (pg. 12, step 4: Create resource information) based upon resource configuration (pg. 5, Idresources); analysis said of requests by said at least one resource group manager to make a determination as to the capacity for assigning the request resources to said project (pg. 5, Idresources); transmitting a tentatively assigned capacity (pgs.. 69-73 Creating pools; transmission of document inherent) to said project team based on said determination made by said at least one resource manager; and confirming said tentatively assigned capacity after a portfolio manager (pg. 5 Idpipeline) approves said determination made by said at least one resource manager.

Claim 5. A computer program product embodied on a computer-readable medium and comprising code (pg. 4, Overview of IDweb™) that, when executed, causes the computer to perform the following: a determination of resource capacity for each resource group (pgs.. 69-73 Creating pools); a determination of resource assignment for each project (pgs.. 69-73 Creating pools); an analysis of said determined resource group capacity and said determined project one another (pg. 5, Idresources); and assignment with a generation of a report illustrating (pg. 76, creating roles) the same.

Claim 6. A computer program product embodied on a computer-readable medium and comprising code (pg. 4, Overview of IDweb™) that, when executed, causes the

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computer to perform the following: a review of data items contained in a schedule for enterprise management, said data items including current plan information, goal information and actual information; continuous adjustments of said current plan information and said actual information on a continuous basis, and adjustments of said goal information on a given periodic basis (pg. 49, Modifying Portfolios); a comparison of said current plan information, said actual information (pg. 64, Creating Resource Information), and said goal information to one another as determined by said continuous adjustments and said periodic adjustments (pg. 49, Modifying Portfolios); and a notification of a variance of said current plan information, said actual information, and said goal information comparison.

Claim 7. A computer program product embodied on a computer-readable medium and comprising code (pg. 4, Overview of IDweb™) that, when executed, causes the computer to perform the following: an association of at least two portfolios with one another to create a superportfolio inheriting tracking criteria from each of said at least two portfolios (pg. 35, Document Management, 2nd paragraph); inherited tracking criteria from said superportfolio (not addressed: see 112 1st) on said association of said at least two portfolios and an imposition of said creating said superportfolio; an imposition of said inherited tracking on projects subordinate to each of said at least two portfolios said association (not addressed: see 112 1st).

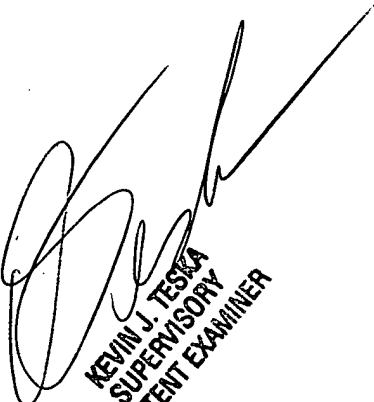
Correspondence Information

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